

Exploring your passions

You and your partner will start by taking time to understand and highlight your partner's unique skills, talents, and passions. This will help you recognize what your partner naturally excels at, what brings them joy, and what inspires them.

Question for your partner: What do you enjoy doing?



Tip for DSP: Create an opportunity for your partner to respond before adding to the conversation. After they share, highlight what you've noticed they're good at or enjoy doing. If they agree, ask for their permission to write down what you've discovered together.

Question for your partner: What are you good at? Do you have any hidden talents that I don't know about?



Tip for DSP: This is a great opportunity to boost your partner's confidence! If you've noticed them doing something that brought them joy, ask them about it and explore what made it special.

Discovering community groups

Now it's time to explore what your community has to offer! Together with your partner, start identifying places they enjoy visiting or are curious about. You can record your answers below, or directly on the asset map located on page 8.

Tip: Use online resources or your phone to help you explore. Open Google Maps, MapQuest, or any other map apps to discover locations near your home.

Question for your partner: Where do you feel most comfortable or happy? Are there places that you go to connect with others? Where are places you found on the map that you would like to go to?



Tip for DSP: As your partner is sharing, ask more questions to get further information. Questions you might ask:

- Do you remember the last time you had a really good day? What were you doing?
- Where do you like to go to have fun? Who do you like having fun with?
- Can you tell me more about that? What does that look like?

Question for your partner: What are some beliefs, values, or traditions that reflect your culture or identity that you would like others to know and understand about you?



Tip for DSP: You might provide examples based on what your partner shared. For instance, if they mentioned enjoying church or school in the past, you could ask if they're still interested in those activities. Then, use a map to explore nearby options in the neighborhood.

Exploring local agencies

Last, you and your partner will start exploring local agencies within your community they may be interested in. As a reminder, these include; schools, libraries, accessible community centers, restaurants, hospitals, local and state parks, and transportation. You can record your answers below, or directly on the asset map located on page 8.

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Question for your partner: Have you ever used or been involved with a local agency, like a library, community center, or job assistance program? What worked and didn't?



Tip for DSP: Listen deeply as your partner is sharing, their words and their actions. If you notice they light up or get excited while talking about something, explore it further, then look on a map for similar offerings.

Question for your partner: Are there family-friendly places, like parks, local agencies, that you'd like to visit more often?



Tip for DSP: Pull up a map, either on your phone or computer to research places that are similar to your partners interest?